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MINISTERIAL UNCERTAINTY.

Sir William Harcourt anxious to Seize the Leadership of the Liberals.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE UNIONISTS.

It is believed that the election will take place during the third week of July.

The Afghan Prince an Unwelcome Guest—The Queen's Birth-day Celebration.

LONDON, May 25.—The Unionist leaders have decided to postpone the decisive trial of the strength of the Government until after Whit-Monday. The Ministry will accept the challenge unhesitatingly. The rank and file of the Liberal party are sick at the uncertainty of the situation, and desire the dissolution of Parliament. Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, talks freely in the lobby of the House of Commons for dissolution, and of his wish for a general election to take place at the earliest possible time. It is an open secret that he is in imminent of retirement with Prime Minister Disraeli when the present Parliament is ended, and that he would like to see the movement which he represents the leadership of the party. On the other hand, Lord Rosebery, as he gradually recovers his health, becomes more reluctant to secede. He tries to persuade his colleagues that the best interests of the party will be served by holding on.

Against this course most of the Unionists are opposed, relying on the consciousness of opinion that the majority of the general election is delayed the better the prospects for an aggravated defeat of the Liberals.

THE UNIONIST PROGRAMME.

The reports of the Unionist agents show it is said, that should Parliament be dissolved now and a general election held, that they might secure a weak working majority.

Should dissolution be postponed for six months they would be likely to secure such a strong position that they would be able to keep the Liberals out of power for the next seven years. Both sides are convinced that dissolution is near, and have begun their electoral campaign. The agents have been instructed to get ready their election books, while many candidates will open their stamp during the Whitsun recess.

FRUITFUL OF LITIGATIONS.

Many Suits Grow Out of Railroad Accidents.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., May 25.—Special. In July, 1882, a midnight passenger train on the Norfolk and Western railroad went down into the gap left by a washed out culvert. In this accident forty or more lives were lost. At nearly every turn of the road suit has been filed. This time suits have been brought against the railroad company for damages to life and limb, growing out of the accident. Every suit has been decided in favor of the defendant, either in the Circuit or Supreme Courts.

Notwithstanding this several suits were brought in the Circuit Court this week, and they were dismissed.

More suits, J. Gardner and Cuthell Davis, of the Lexington Hotel, Richmond, have leased the Hotel Bedford for the season.

at 11 o'clock. They were surrounded by gaieties, and were enthusiastically received.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters and the Duchess of York witnessed the display from the windows of the Government office, which were crowded with members of the aristocracy.

At noon the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and Nasruddin Khan rode to Marlborough House. The Afghan Prince was attired in a scarlet uniform, and wore a sword with a sheath of gold. He was mounted on a beautiful horse, and attracted great attention.

VIOLATION OF THE SABBATH.

The Last Session of Congress Condemned.

No Expression of Dance.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 25.—At to-day's meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly the report of the Committee on Theological Seminaries was read by Dr. Montfort, of Cincinnati. William L. McEwan, of Pittsburg, was announced as president of the Million-Dollar Memorial Fund Committee of twenty-five, organized at the meeting. The committee includes other members of the Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended as an answer to the proposal of the Presbytery of Monmouth, that the Moderators and officers of the assembly attend the pilgrimage to Tenetek church, New Jersey, June 1, to celebrate the ordination of John Boyd, who was the T.P. Presbyterians minister abroad in America. It took place in Philadelphia, in 1796. During the reading of the report, Senator George H. Rogers announced that there had lately been discovered evidence of an earlier ordination, that of Jedediah Andrews, at Philadelphia, in 1795. Jedediah Andrews was pastor of the First church of Philadelphia.

THE STATE BANK TAX REPEALED.

The Resolution to That Effect Was Ignored by the Convention.—The Next Meeting to be Held in the Fall and to be Known as a Business Men's Convention.

ATLANTA, GA., May 25.—The Atlanta delegation returned home this afternoon, and with their arrival the announcement is made that another convention will be called in the fall, which will permit a discussion of the financial question. The Atlanta delegates were supporters of the financial policy of the administration and the amendment introduced at the Memphis convention was received with surprise here. It seems that the delegates complain that the entire affair was cut and dried, and nobody had any time to advance any argument that conflicted with the prearranged programme. Among the prominent members of the Atlanta delegation were Mr. T. H. Neal, H. T. Maxfield and A. C. Collier, bankers; and A. H. Cox and H. T. Inniss.

THE STATE BANK TAX.

The Georgia delegation in caucus before the convention decided to offer a resolution suggesting the unconditional repeal of the 1 per cent tax on State banks. It seems that they were told on April 1st that a resolution adopted in sympathy with the amendment introduced at the Memphis convention, was received with surprise here. It seems that the delegates complain that the entire affair was cut and dried, and nobody had any time to advance any argument that conflicted with the prearranged programme. Among the prominent members of the Atlanta delegation were Mr. T. H. Neal, H. T. Maxfield and A. C. Collier, bankers; and A. H. Cox and H. T. Inniss.

THE SITUATION AT FLAT TOP.

The Pocahontas Mines are Doing Well.

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